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Advisory Action

1. The following is in response to the after final communications received 05/05/08.
2. Applicant's arguments with regard to Carpenter et al. have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive. In the remarks, Applicant argues that even if the U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/180,368 (hereinafter "the Carpenter Provisional") discusses storing documents and making them searchable as well as returning a proportion of the entire pool of resumes, this is not equivalent to calculating a ratio of resumes associated with a matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. With regards to the "calculating a ratio" feature, examiner notes that she relied on Carpenter et al., specifically paragraphs 0046-7, 0054-6, to teach this limitation. Carpenter et al. specifically discloses processing and indexing documents. Documents are classified as job-postings, resumes, or irrelevant. The classification further includes location information (city, state, and zip code). Through this process, the document becomes searchable, such as by city, state, etc. See paragraphs 0042-3. See also paragraphs 0044-5 and 0049-50 for context. After the information above is stored in the system, the resumes and job listings are matched. Carpenter states that a search is performed on the resumes and a set of resumes with a relevant percentage rate are returned as good matches. Therefore a proportion of the entire pool of resumes is returned as results to the search, these associated with the job listings. See paragraph 0054.

Looking to the provisional for support that the inventor had possession of the invention at time of filing, the provisional application of Carpenter et al. discusses such storing document and

making them searchable (See at least pages), as well as returning a proportion of the entire pool of resumes (See at least pages 2, 4, 7-9, which discloses the concept based searching technology. See pages 12, 16, 19, where search results that are gained that are a portion of the entire pool).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BETH VAN DOREN whose telephone number is (571)272-6737. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on 571-272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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